

Baseball is back! Take BART out to the ballgame



The smell of the grass, the crack of the bat and the familiar “boop, boop” of a BART train mean the return of Major League Baseball to the Bay Area. The A's and Giants have both reloaded and are ready to make a run for the playoffs.

Make your run to the ballpark as easy as possible, take BART to the game! Getting to the Coliseum for A's games is simple—just exit at Coliseum Station to avoid traffic and parking hassles. For Giants games at AT&T Park, Take BART to Embarcadero or Montgomery Stations and walk or transfer to Muni Metro (N-Line/inbound or specially marked ballpark trains).

A's Double Play Wednesdays

Forget about high gas prices, get low hot dog prices!

Every A's Wednesday home game* is a Double Play Wednesday brought to you by BART. Purchase Plaza Outfield and Plaza Reserved game tickets for just \$2! Hot dogs are just \$1! Call 510/762-BALL and get your tickets today!

Upcoming Double Play Wednesdays:

Wed. April 19, 7:05 vs Detroit
Wed. May 3, 7:05 vs Cleveland
Wed. May 17, 7:05 vs Seattle
Wed. May 31, 12:35 vs Kansas City
Wed. June 14, 7:05 vs Seattle

*Excluding July 25 and August 30 vs Boston

Giants Upcoming Schedule

Thurs. April 6, 1:05 vs Atlanta
Fri. April 7, 7:15 vs Atlanta
Sat. April 8, 1:05 vs Atlanta
Sun. April 9, 1:05 vs Atlanta
Tues. April 11, 7:15 vs Houston
Wed. April 12, 7:15 vs Houston
Thurs. April 13, 12:35 vs Houston

A's Upcoming Schedule

Fri. April 14, 7:05 vs Texas
Sat. April 15, 1:05 vs Texas
Sun. April 16, 1:05 vs Texas
Tues. April 18, 7:05 vs Detroit
Wed. April 19, 7:05 vs Detroit
Thurs. April 20, 12:35 vs Detroit
Fri. April 21, 7:05 vs LA Angels
Sat. April 22, 1:05 vs LA Angels
Sun. April 23, 1:05 vs LA Angels

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Daily fee parking expands in the East Bay

BART will begin phasing in daily parking fees at six additional East Bay stations in the coming weeks. This is part of a previously announced plan that offers customers a variety of options for parking while helping BART maintain high-quality service and meet its difficult financial challenges. The one-dollar fee not only contributes to our operating expenses, it encourages customers, where possible, to use buses, bicycles or to walk to our stations rather than using single-occupancy vehicles. Doing so not only improves air quality, it eases congestion on our gridlocked roads.

Daily fee parking will go into effect at the following stations on a schedule of roughly one new station every two weeks: Orinda,

Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Dublin/Pleasanton and North Berkeley stations. Orinda will begin charging parking fees in April and the last station, North Berkeley, is scheduled to begin in June.

There are alternatives to daily fee parking, namely single day reserved and monthly reserved parking. Both offer customers an opportunity to guarantee themselves a parking spot. For more information, visit www.bart.gov/parking.

As always, thank you for your continued support and thank you for riding BART.

Thomas E. Margro, General Manager

Ride BART, save big with Commuter Check



Tax time is upon us once again and aren't we all looking for a way to pay less to the IRS? Save money on your taxes next year by signing up for Commuter Check.

Commuter Check allows commuters to pay for BART tickets with pre-tax dollars. You can use up to \$105 of pre-tax income monthly to pay for transit expenses. Commuter Check already has 175,000 transit riders and 7,000 employers across the country enrolled as members and has delivered over \$400 million in transit benefits since 1990.

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“All Nighter” bus service stays up as late as you

Need to get around the Bay Area in the wee hours of the night? Now there's a bus service for you night owls. The “All Nighter” provides regional bus service from approximately 1 to 5 a.m., connecting most BART stations, Caltrain stations, and beyond. It is operated

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It's time to "Ride Now!"

Dublin/Pleasanton BART riders! Need a ride to or from BART? Would you offer an occasional ride to a neighbor? Get free BART tickets and use a reserved parking lot close to the station. Try RideNow!, an innovative new ridesharing program. Visit www.ridenow.org for information.

Ride **Now!**

"Commuter Checks" continued

You can even take an additional \$42, \$63 or \$84 (depending on boarding station) to pay for BART parking and save 40% off the monthly cost (up to \$300 annually!). The IRS has a separate maximum monthly amount for parking at transit facilities, and it can be given in addition to the current monthly transit benefit of \$105.

It's easy to earn Commuter Check benefits. Just sign up with your employer and start receiving your Commuter Checks monthly. The savings are immediate, not given out at the end of the year. If your employer is not already enrolled, tell your boss Commuter Checks can save the company up to \$1,260 in payroll taxes per employee each year.

For more information, call Commuter Check at 800/559-7909 or visit their website at commutercheck.com.

"All Nighter" continued

by a consortium of regional transit agencies that have coordinated their late-night bus schedules to create timed transfers between routes. All Nighter bus service is funded by the 2004 \$1 bridge toll increase for public transit.

All Nighter service is provided by five transit agencies. In San Mateo and San Francisco counties, service is operated by SamTrans and Muni. AC Transit operates bus service between San Francisco and the East Bay, and bus service in the East Bay parallel to the Richmond and Fremont BART lines. County Connection operates bus service between downtown Oakland and Concord. Wheels operates service between Bay Fair BART and Livermore.

For more information, including bus fares and route maps, visit 511.org, or call 511 and say "All Nighter."

GOOD TIMES

1906 Earthquake Centennial Festivities Commemoration: Lotta's Fountain

Kearny, Third and Geary streets, San Francisco
www.SFrising.org

BART: Montgomery

Tuesday, April 18, 4:30-5:30 a.m. (yes, a.m. – before dawn): A hugely expanded version of the annual 5:13 a.m. commemoration of the Great Quake and Fire will celebrate the notorious event's centennial year. Organizers claim to expect 25,000-50,000 revelers and possibly Gov. Schwarzenegger – or even (according to the Chronicle) President Bush. Don't drive while you're still half-asleep – BART gets going before you do.

Parade: From City Hall down Market St. to Justin Herman Plaza

www.SFrising.org

BART: Civic Center, Powell, Montgomery or Embarcadero

Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m.: The parade continues the celebration of the Great Quake and Fire, and ends with even more festivities at Justin Herman Plaza, with live entertainment and historic exhibits.

AcroSports City Circus

Project Artaud Theatre
450 Florida St., San Francisco
415/665-2276

BART: 16th Street, 6-block walk

April 14-30: The new theatrical circus spectacle "2106" reveals the city of the future. While the wealthy frolic in their urban playground, the workers toil in their dingy underground factory. Meanwhile, a robot workforce is being perfected to take over the city!

Zorro in Hell

Culture Clash and Tony Taccone
Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre
2015 Addison St., Berkeley
www.berkeleyrep.org or
510/647-2949

BART: Downtown Berkeley

Through April 16:

Zorro takes on homeland security concerns in the Wild West, covering unfamiliar issues such as Mexican immigration, Indian gambling and a foreign-born governor.



Discovery, Devastation, Survival: California Indians and the Gold Rush

Hayward Area Historical Society Museum
22701 Main St., Hayward
www.haywardareahistory.org or 510/581-0223
BART: Hayward, three block walk

Through April 22: Exhibition explores the impact of the Gold Rush upon California's Indians, told from the perspective of Sierra Nevada Foothill elders.

Still in Love: The Songs of Cole Porter

New Conservatory Theatre Center
25 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco
www.nctcsf.org or 415/861-8972

BART: Civic Center

April 7-23: Meg Mackay and Billy Philadelphia, "the royal couple of San Francisco's musical stage," return with an encore presentation of the 2004 cabaret hit show "So in Love."

Question of the Month

I have friendly wager with a buddy to see who can come closer to guessing the weight of a BART train car. Can you settle it for us by answering how much a BART train car weighs?



In reality, a BART train car is one of three different styles of cars. The original fleet consisted of the "A" cars having the pointed end with operator cab and the flat-ended "B" cars with no cab that were positioned between A cars. Later generations of cars were the "C" cars, each with an operator cab and the

expanded versatility that they could be placed anywhere within the train. As to your question, the empty cars weigh in as follows: A cars weigh 63,067 pounds, B cars weigh 61,410 pounds and C cars weigh an even 63,000 pounds.

